

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3009
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2008
COMPENSATION TO THE FAMILY AFFECTED BY RAIL ACCIDENTS
Masood Shri Rasheed

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item in 'Hindustan' on 8th December, 2007 published under caption "Maut Key Muavazey Key Liya Bhi Jadojahad";
- (b) if so, the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the Ministry of Railways has paid compensation to the families of the deceased in Samjhaota Express, bomb explosion;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reason therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3009 BY SHRI RASHEED MASOOD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.03.2008 REGARDING COMPENSATION TO THE FAMILY AFFECTED BY RAIL ACCIDENTS.

(a) to (b): Yes, Sir. The six deceased passengers mentioned in the news clipping were Pakistani Nationals. However, the names of only three of these figure in the list of identified dead persons and the remaining three are yet to be identified. Out of the total ex-gratia payment of Rs. Ten lakh each, payment of Rs. One lakh each has been made to the Indian relatives of the three identified deceased persons mentioned in the news clipping. Remaining amount of Rs. Nine lakh each is being arranged through the Indian High Commission in Pakistan after identification of the legal heirs.

(c) to (e): Compensation is paid only after a claim filed in this regard is decreed by the Railway Claims Tribunal. So far 22 claims have been filed before the Railway Claims Tribunal, out of which 2 have been decreed and compensation amounting to Rs. 8 lakhs has been paid to the next of kin of the deceased.